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HI

This is not a legal argument, it is a personal experience in dealing with MS. The settlement is bad. It does not deal with the problem of MS rape of the consumer and developer.

MS Modis Operandi(sp) is to control the access to computers and make money! This is at the expense of consumers and developers.

When Word98 first came out it could not write Word95 format. This prevented the two programs sending file back and forth. This forced the Word95 user to upgrade(spend money).

MS does NOT follow standards!!! Even when they help define the standards they break the same standards they help define. This forces developers to write new work arounds for the "intentional bugs/features". This makes MS products incompatible with all other software, because these bugs are unpublished.

There is a difference between API (Application Programming Interface) and (protocols/file formats). An API requires a library that knows the (protocol/file format). To be interoperable the low level protocols and file formats need to be known. This includes security protocols.

MS does not innovate!! they take existing ideas and commercialize the one method of doing that idea. The only reason they can do that is that they are a monopoly. If low level formats and protocols are published then the "secret" is in the quality in programming the application. This is where the competition comes in. If they can do something better than someone else in an open playing field, that is the way to compete.

A monoculture of computers is very unstable. the security of MS products is terrible!! When you allow the mix of data and program to be exchanged between systems then there is a lack of security. MS allows the transfer of data AND code in its data documents. VERY BAD!

A way to force MS to improve service/products to the consumer is to allow competition. To allow competition ALL (that means ALL) low level protocols, file formats, and algorithms need to be in the public domain.

MS will try to sneak out of doing any change in its MO, and put paper work and bureaucrat stuff, and legal stuff between change. Just look at the lies and "tricks" they pulled during the trial phase. Any settlement needs to have teeth. Really BIG teeth!!!

I, as an consumer, can't take legal action against MS, I don't have the money, time,...

I may have a justice case the MS harmed me, but I can never seek or have justice on my own.

"The government is here to protect me from things I can't protect myself from"

Please protect me from Microsoft!

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